

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 5-6 are allowed.

Claims 1-2 and 5-14 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 11 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-2 and 5-14 have been amended, and claims 3-4 have been canceled. The Drawings also have been formalized. It is believed that these changes introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Drawings requiring Formal Drawings be submitted in place of the informal Drawings submitted with the original filing. In papers filed herewith, Applicants have submitted Formal Drawings. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the objection to the Drawings.

Rejection of Claim 1-14 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that numerous claims have double inclusion of elements, and cites claim 1 as an example. By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-2 and 5-14 to accommodate the rejection of those claims. Claims 3-4 have been canceled rendering the rejection of them moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 7-14 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1-4 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,770 to Itoh et al. (hereinafter “Itoh”). A claim is anticipated only if each and every element of the claim is found in a reference. (MPEP §2131 *citing Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628 (Fed. Cir. 1987)). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Id.*

citing *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989)). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Representative claim 1 recites in pertinent part “a switch connected to the first and second body terminals, the *switch to couple the first and the second body terminals to a forward body bias voltage*” (emphasis added). Itoh appears to be directed to a static random access memory (SRAM) cell. Applicants respectfully submit that Itoh fails to teach, however, a memory cell having its pull-up transistors forward body biased, either via a switch (claim 1), a bias voltage generator (claims 7, 11), or otherwise. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Itoh fails to anticipate independent claims 1, 7, and 11. Claims 2, 8-10, and 12-14 properly depend from claims 1, 7, or 11, and thus are not anticipated by Itoh. Claims 3-4 have been canceled rendering the rejection of them moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

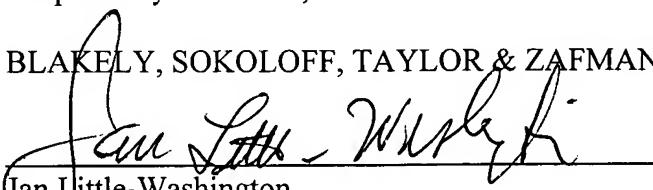
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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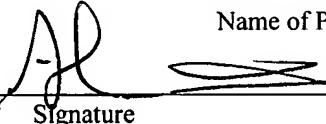
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